

Amendments to the abstract

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

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A method and system for incorporating a user's preferences in an information clustering system having an information clustering engine for clustering information based on similarities, a user interface module for displaying the information groupings and obtaining user preferences, a personalization module for defining, labeling, modifying, storing and retrieving cluster structure, and a knowledge base where the user-defined cluster structure is stored. The user-configurable clustering system first organizes information into a list of automatic generated groupings or clusters. The list of groupings can then be modified by a user through an interactive process of personalization and re-clustering using a set of cluster manipulation operators. The personalized cluster indicates the user preference in organizing information and can be used to organize new information. The system can also be used to identify novel information that does not fit into the personalized cluster structure.
